

August 3, '18, Saturday. We are all feeling pretty good today on account of the splendid news that has reached us of the advance made by the Allies on the Marne front.

Was at work in Camp all the morning. In the p.m. the Colonel and I went over to the 1st Battalion camp, stopping en route at the "Lovie Aerodome." We expected to see some of the 117th on some practice liaison work, but they were not there. We walked across to the 1st Battalion Headquarters. Major Cothran had gone up the line so we could not see him. We then decided to go to Abeele and see some of the 102d Engineers (New York). They are in the same Army Corps as we are. He was investigating suitable material for colonelcy of the regiment to succeed Colonel Vanderbilt who had been promoted to Brigadier-General. It had been raining a good deal during the day but as we started from 1st Battalion Headquarters the sun came out and the atmosphere was the clearest I have seen it in years. The hill of Kemmel, Mount de Cats, etc., stood out as distinctly as if they were only $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away. I could almost see men on top of Kemmel. We drove through Poperinghe again and as usual I had the same feeling of depression as at other times. The road is in view of Kemmel all the way and therefore a screen has been built on that side of the road to screen the traffic. Practically no civilian population in Abeele as it is shelled more or less every night. It is depressing to see all these towns deserted and many of the buildings badly damaged.

While I was visiting the Major of the 1st Battalion a new battery of nine guns began firing. The gun was within 75 yards of us, and every time it went off the windows would rattle as if they would all fall out.

After finding out what the 102nd Regiment has done since reaching France, I feel very much more pleased and satisfied with what the 105th has done. Stopped in Watou for an hour on our way back. Just after I left the Germans dropped four shells into the town. No casualties, and but little material damage.

August 4, 1918, Sunday. In camp all day working for the most part on problem. Had meeting of officers in the morning and went over with them what I wanted done and explained problem. In the p.m. Captain Seelye had a meeting of his non. coms. and explained to them what they were expected to do. In the evening after supper went to the soldiers' Y. M. C. A. and Chaplain meeting. The